

Nebraska Agri-Facts

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Dear producers and other data users:

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Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary United States All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May is 132, based on 1990-92=100, is seven points (5.6 percent) above the April index. This is the highest index level since records began in 1910. Producers received higher commodity prices for milk, hogs, cattle, and broilers. Lower prices were received for lettuce, eggs, corn, and tomatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on

the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cantaloupes, grapes, sweet corn, and broilers offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and asparagus.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 27 points (26 percent) from May 2003.

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary May 2004 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		May 2003 ¹	April 2004 ¹	May 15, 2004	May 2003 ¹	April 2004 ¹	May 15, 2004	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
<i>Dollars</i>					<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat, All	Bushel	3.29	3.62	3.55	3.33	3.89	3.73	37	10.10
Corn	Bushel	2.37	2.82	2.75	2.38	2.89	2.78	41	6.78
Oats	Bushel	2.29	1.35	1.40	1.95	1.62	1.64	42	3.95
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	4.02	5.08	4.60	3.95	5.09	4.60	42	11.00
Soybeans	Bushel	6.04	9.58	9.35	6.07	9.62	9.60	60	15.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	77.00	49.00	48.00	98.00	89.60	101.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	77.00	49.00	48.00	100.00	92.70	109.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	74.00	45.00	44.00	88.40	76.00	74.90		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	18.10	17.80	16.70	19.10	19.60	21.80	42	52.20
Hogs	Cwt	43.70	48.30	57.30	41.30	47.40	57.80	55	106.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	44.00	48.50	57.60	41.80	47.70	58.50		
Sows	Cwt	29.20	40.80	44.60	29.00	40.50	43.10		
Beef Cattle	Cwt	79.20	88.50	92.00	75.50	84.80	88.40	52	171.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	80.30	89.60	93.20	79.60	88.90	92.60		
Cows	Cwt	42.40	51.70	53.90	42.40	50.50	52.40		
Calves	Cwt	109.00	123.00	127.00	100.00	117.00	122.00	53	229.00
Sheep	Cwt	31.00	32.70		31.30	37.10			84.00
Lambs	Cwt	98.00	109.00		97.60	100.00			202.00

¹ Entire month average except hay. ² Parity price based on data for May 2004.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices May 28, 2004.

Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income

Production, Disposition, and Income: Cattle and Calves, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2003

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory,					Production ⁴				
January 1	6,400.0	6,200.0	96,723.0	96,100.0	Million lbs	4,493.1	4,401.4	42,384.7	42,243.7
Calf Crop	1,820.0	1,770.0	38,223.7	37,902.8	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	3,840.0	4,090.0	21,461.9	22,384.1	Million lbs	7,267.1	7,035.8	56,072.8	56,765.5
Marketings ²					Price per cwt.				
Cattle	5,618.0	5,568.0	46,753.4	47,682.8	Cattle \$	68.10	83.80	66.50	79.70
Calves	85.0	85.0	9,286.1	9,594.9	Calves \$	100.00	110.00	96.40	102.00
Farm slaughter ³	2.0	2.0	193.2	191.3	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	2,630.0	3,379.8	27,083.3	32,167.5
Cattle	80.0	85.0	1,710.3	1,710.2	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Calves	75.0	70.0	2,365.6	2,325.7	Million \$	4,958.6	5,904.0	38,048.8	45,094.9
Inventory,					Gross Income ⁷				
End of Year	6,200.0	6,250.0	96,100.0	94,882.0	Million \$	4,967.0	5,914.4	38,383.7	45,465.4

Production, Disposition, and Income: Hogs and Pigs, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2003

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory, December 1					Production ⁴				
Previous Year	2,900.0	3,000.0	59,721.6	59,554.2	Million lbs	1,508.1	1,427.2	26,274.2	26,333.9
Pig Crop (Dec - Nov)	6,453.0	6,470.0	101,677.9	101,254.0	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	900.0	900.0	29,433.9	31,464.9	Million lbs	1,539.6	1,459.1	27,309.3	27,216.5
Marketings ²	6,997.0	7,219.0	124,012.9	124,105.5	Average Price				
Farm slaughter ³	1.0	1.0	114.2	114.2	per cwt. \$	36.60	39.30	33.40	37.20
Deaths	255.0	250.0	7,152.3	7,664.8	Value of Production				
Inventory					Million \$ ⁸	559.7	582.9	8,690.9	9,729.2
December 1	3,000.0	2,900.0	59,554.2	60,388.7	Cash Receipts ^{6,8}				
					Million \$	591.0	612.0	9,602.1	10,629.0
					Gross Income ⁷				
					Million \$	591.9	613.0	9,627.6	10,656.5

Production, Disposition, and Income: Sheep and Lambs, Nebraska and United States, 2002-2003

Inventory, Supply, and Disposition ¹					Production and Income				
Item	Nebraska		United States		Item	Nebraska		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>Thousand Head</i>									
Inventory					Production ⁴				
January 1 ⁹	101.0	97.0	6,623.0	6,321.0	Million lbs	9.9	10.3	485.1	468.4
Lamb Crop	84.0	88.0	4,355.0	4,120.0	Marketings ⁵				
Inshipments	54.0	52.0	1,748.5	1,544.4	Million lbs	14.3	13.7	649.6	606.9
Marketings ²					Price per cwt.				
Sheep	23.0	21.0	855.1	827.0	Sheep \$	27.40	33.20	28.20	34.90
Lambs	101.6	98.6	4,794.0	4,368.4	Lambs \$	73.60	90.60	74.10	94.40
Farm slaughter ³	0.4	0.4	65.9	67.9	Value of Production				
Deaths					Million \$	6.0	8.1	313.9	390.2
Sheep	4.0	4.0	261.7	238.4	Cash Receipts ⁶				
Lambs	13.0	11.0	428.8	393.7	Million \$	9.1	10.7	429.1	505.2
Inventory					Gross Income ⁷				
End of Year ⁹	97.0	102.0	6,321.0	6,090.0	Million \$	9.1	10.8	437.7	516.2

¹ Balance sheet estimates. ² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. ⁴ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. ⁵ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ⁶ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. ⁷ Difference between gross income and cash receipts equals value of home consumption. ⁸ Includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. ⁹ Includes new crop lambs.

Source: USDA NASS Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income 2003 Summary, April 28, 2004.

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, April 2004 with Comparisons

Item	2003	2004	2004/2003
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.8	11.7	100
30 States	315.5	318.9	101
United States	338.2	341.9	101
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	252	259	103
30 States	6,708	6,853	102
United States	7,187	7,343	102
Chickens Hatched, April			
United States			
Egg-type	37.8	37.5	99
Broiler	760.6	774.5	102
Hatched thru April			
Egg-type	138.6	142.5	103
Broiler	2,988.2	3,067.5	103

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, May 21, 2004.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, April 2004 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	April 2004 Percent of	
		April 2003	March 2004
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	576.5	89	100
Hogs, head	580.8	102	100
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	546.8	91	98
United States			
Cattle, head	2,698.5	91	94
Calves, head	70.7	89	93
Hogs, head	8,652.3	104	96
Sheep & Lambs, head	256.0	86	83
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	3,713.3	97	94

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, May 21, 2004.

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, April 6-12, 2003 & April 11-17, 2004¹

Region ²	Number of Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
					Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars per Hour</i>							
Lake	56	57	9.90	10.10	9.31	9.20	9.20	9.95	9.26	9.60
Cornbelt I	50	44	9.99	9.74	9.29	9.04	9.32	8.87	9.30	9.00
Cornbelt II	24	28	10.71	9.48	9.94	9.04	10.00	9.03	9.97	9.04
Northern Plains	28	31	9.46	8.95	9.08	8.87	9.28	8.51	9.16	8.73
Southern Plains	49	46	8.31	8.13	7.62	7.50	7.98	7.93	7.75	7.62
Mountain I	19	24	7.93	8.57	7.63	8.14	7.68	8.41	7.66	8.31
Mountain II	22	26	9.43	9.84	8.32	9.66	8.86	8.83	8.60	9.29
United States	781	825	9.16	9.22	8.40	8.46	8.75	8.95	8.49	8.58

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers.

² Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 21, 2004.

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States, April 11-17, 2004¹

Region ²	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000-\$999,999	1,000,000+	All Farms
	<i>Dollars per Hour</i>						
Northeast	10.56	9.79	9.53	9.04	9.46	10.23	9.85
Appalachian	7.28	7.59	8.53	7.78	8.77	9.86	8.95
Southeast	8.32	7.90	9.39	8.49	8.25	8.73	8.65
Lake	8.63	9.40	9.33	9.70	9.62	10.87	10.10
Cornbelt	8.70	9.58	8.43	9.18	9.90	10.40	9.65
Delta	7.38	7.48	7.42	8.39	7.96	7.92	7.86
No. Plains	7.54	6.35	7.83	9.60	8.18	10.33	8.95
So. Plains	8.39	7.09	7.16	8.88	7.92	8.38	8.13
Mountain ³			7.22	8.90	9.64	9.30	8.99
Pacific	10.88	10.23	8.89	9.46	9.58	9.33	9.38
48 States	9.26	9.86	8.67	9.11	9.23	9.52	9.21

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of: Northeast: CT, DE, MD, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT. Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC. Lake: MI, MN, WI. Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH. Delta: AR, LA, MS. Northern Plains: KS, NE, ND, SD. Southern Plains: OK, TX. Mountain: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, UT, WY. Pacific: CA, OR, WA. 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI. ³ Insufficient data.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, May 21, 2004.

Crop Progress, Selected States, as of May 30, 2004

Corn: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
CO	0	2	19	61	18
IL	0	3	18	58	21
IN	2	3	13	59	23
IA	3	7	25	49	16
KS	0	8	46	39	7
KY	1	8	28	40	23
MI	5	10	38	40	7
MN	2	5	36	52	5
MO	1	4	20	62	13
NE	1	4	31	57	7
NC	0	7	25	50	18
ND	2	5	30	58	5
OH	1	5	19	54	21
PA	1	1	16	48	34
SD	1	4	23	62	10
TN	1	5	22	55	17
TX	1	3	20	45	31
WI	3	12	28	43	14
18 Sts.	2	5	25	53	15
Prev Wk	1	4	24	56	15
Prev Yr	1	4	27	55	13

Winter Wheat: Crop Condition

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
<i>Percent</i>					
AR	1	4	26	52	17
CA	0	5	20	30	45
CO	20	25	33	20	2
ID	0	4	10	76	10
IL	0	4	20	61	15
IN	1	4	20	57	18
KS	26	27	24	21	2
MI	1	4	20	52	23
MO	1	4	28	56	11
MT	6	18	47	26	3
NE	18	24	32	24	2
NC	0	4	29	55	12
OH	1	4	22	55	18
OK	5	13	32	43	7
OR	1	7	33	51	8
SD	26	22	30	19	3
TX	8	21	34	31	6
WA	2	7	25	58	8
18 Sts.	12	18	29	34	7
Prev Wk	9	17	30	37	7
Prev Yr	7	12	28	41	12

Soybeans: Percent Planted ¹

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	May 30, 2004	May 23, 2004	May 30, 2003	
Percent				
AR	70	55	52	54
IL	79	72	68	75
IN	84	78	56	73
IA	92	87	83	82
KS	70	49	61	62
KY	45	35	21	46
LA	83	62	57	77
MI	45	36	55	64
MN	90	82	84	82
MS	97	95	88	89
MO	62	55	58	57
NE	81	70	72	81
NC	48	40	31	43
ND	84	67	72	71
OH	67	57	65	73
SD	72	54	70	70
TX	54	30	23	41
WI	55	41	63	70
18 Sts.	77	67	67	72

¹ These 18 States planted 96% of last year's soybean acreage.

Sorghum: Percent Planted ¹

State	Week Ending			1999-2003 Avg.
	May 30, 2004	May 23, 2004	May 30, 2003	
Percent				
AR	91	83	96	95
CO	44	31	46	43
IL	70	56	8	42
KS	52	31	43	49
LA	96	90	89	94
MO	68	61	59	60
NE	52	39	44	58
NM	18	14	20	22
OK	41	31	30	37
SD	40	30	39	34
TX	74	66	63	67
11 Sts.	61	47	51	57

¹ These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.
Source: USDA NASS Crop Progress, June 1, 2004.

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